

Proposed Claim Amendment
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13. (currently amended) An apparatus for inducing anesthesia in patient, the apparatus comprising:

a breathing circuit including a source of anesthetic gas and an inlet tube connected to the source and operable to transport the gas toward the patient, the inlet tube remaining external to the patient; and

a medical pacifier connected to the breathing circuit, the pacifier including a nipple member adapted to be received within an oral cavity of the patient, the nipple member having a conduit extending therethrough and an outlet opening provided therein, and

a base attached to the nipple member and adapted to remain outside the oral cavity, the base including an inlet opening provided therein and a lumen extending therethrough which is in fluid communication with the conduit of the nipple member,

wherein the inlet opening is adapted to be connected to the inlet tube such that anesthetic gas can flow through the base and the nipple member for delivery via the outlet opening exclusively into the oral cavity of the patient.